

# IDECAT WP3 Seminar

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High pressure XPS: A tool for the investigation of  
heterogeneous catalytic processes

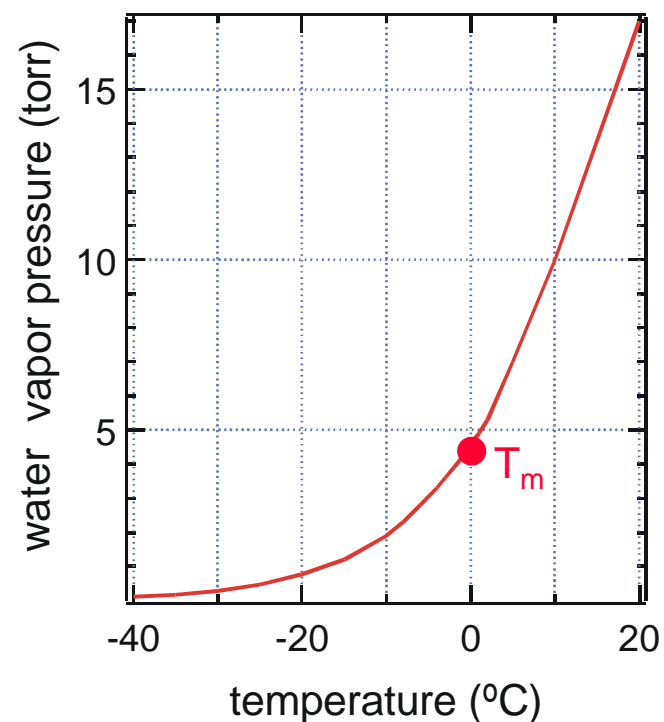
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## Why in situ XPS ?

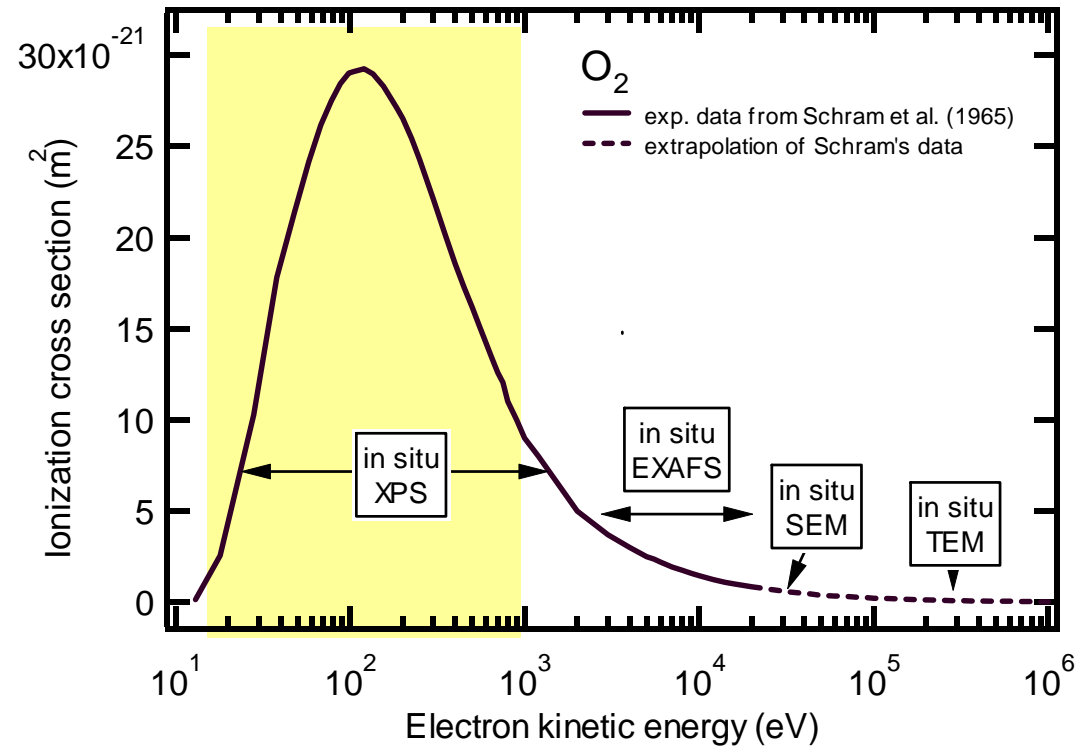
- Many processes cannot be investigated in UHV:  
"Pressure Gap"
  - environmental chemistry
  - catalysis
  - corrosion
  - electrochemistry
  - biological samples
- Very few methods can investigate the solid-gas interface at high pressures
  - non-linear optics (SFG, SHG)
  - scanning probe microscopies
  - X-ray diffraction
- Photoelectron spectroscopy is very powerful  
⇒ Goal: XPS at pressures of at least 5 torr



# In situ XPS: obstacles

## Fundamental limit:

elastic and inelastic scattering of electrons in the gas phase

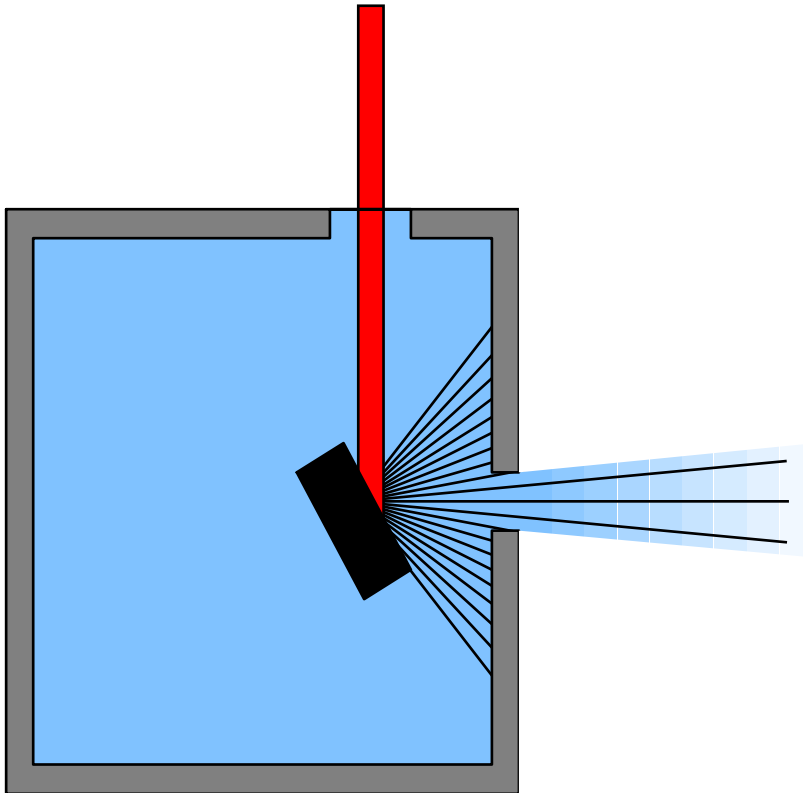


## Technical issues:

- Differential pumping to keep analyzer in high vacuum
- Sample preparation and control in a flow reactor

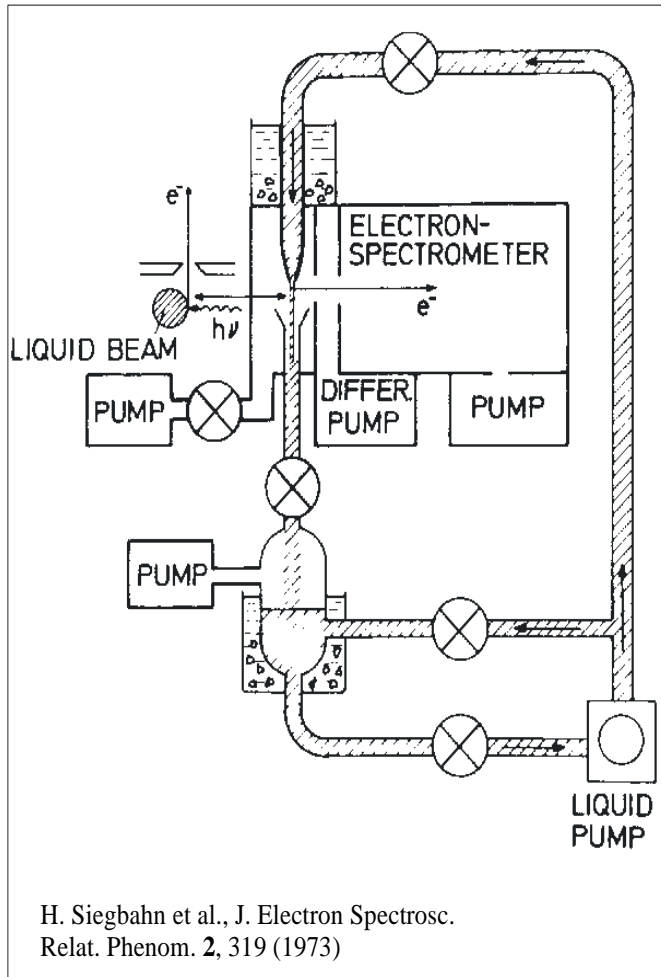
## In situ XPS: basic concept

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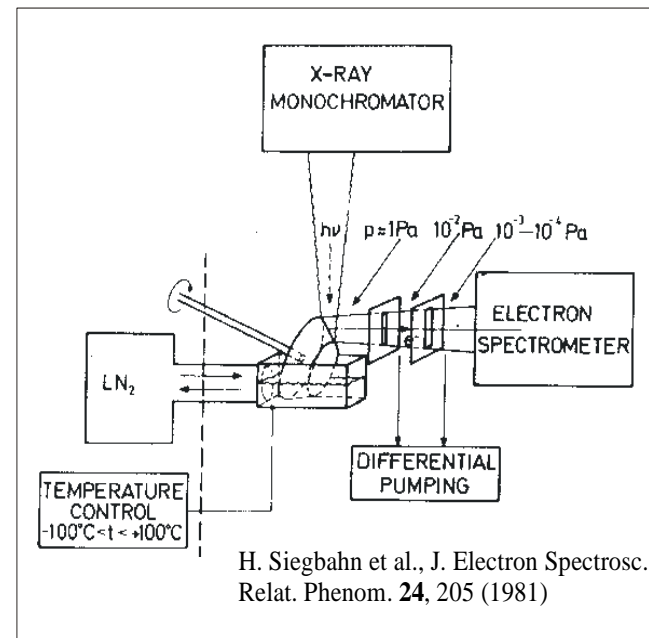


- Photons enter through a window
- Electrons and a gas jet escape through an aperture to vacuum

# In situ XPS instruments: previous designs

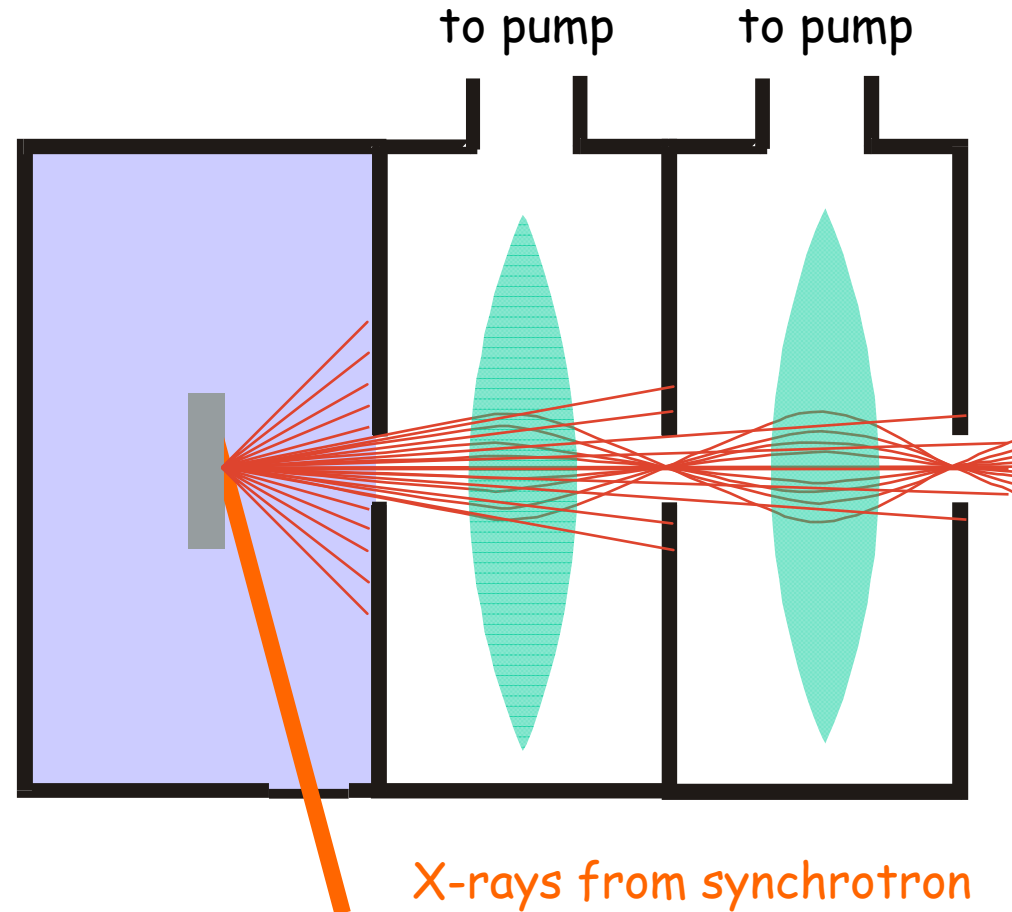


- H. Siegbahn et al. (1973- )
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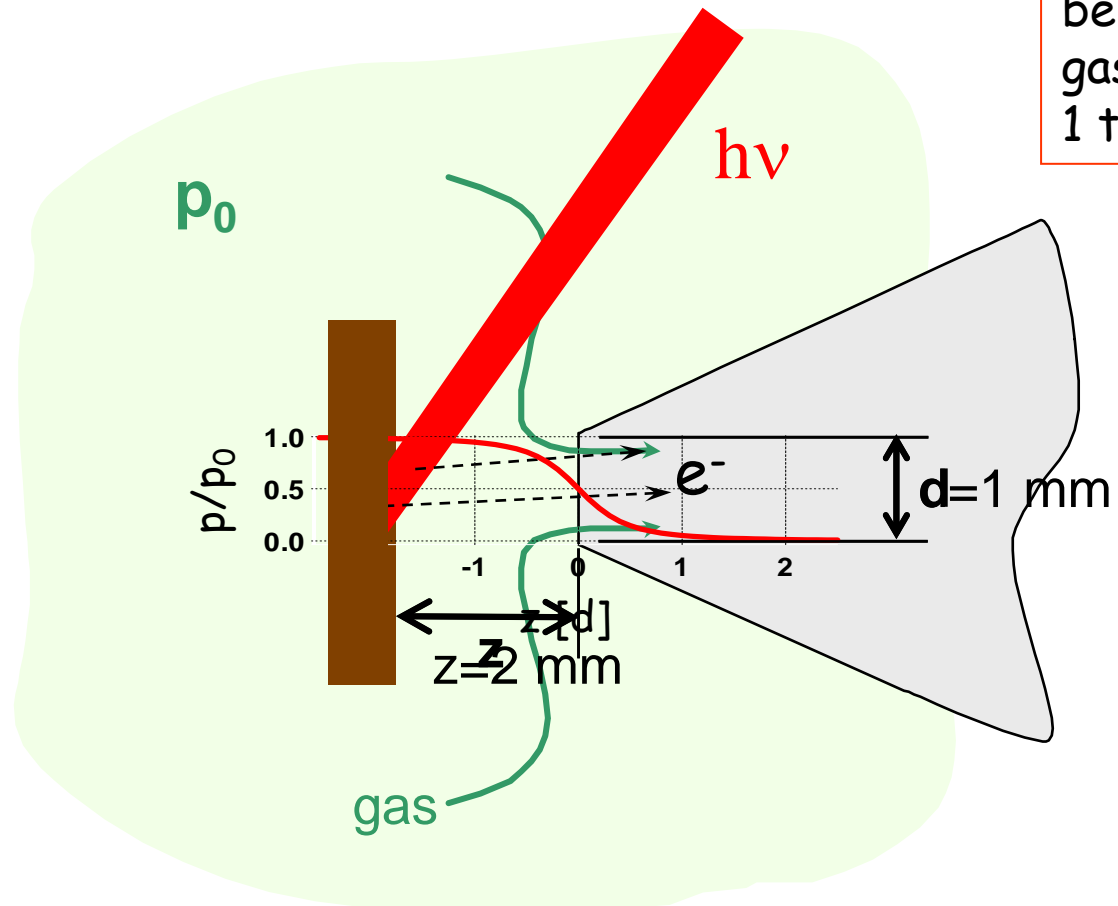


# In situ XPS using differentially pumped electrostatic lenses

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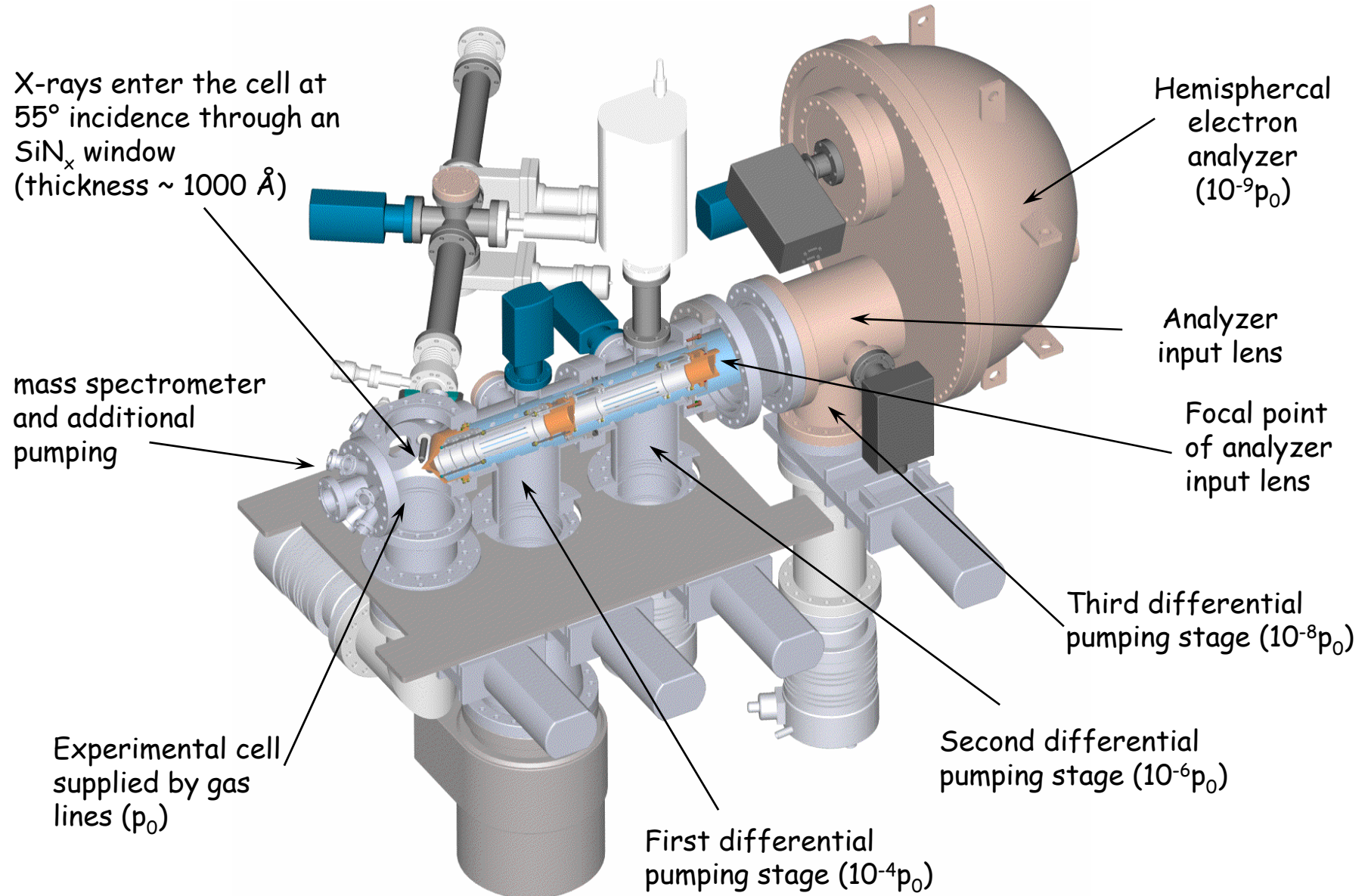


## Close-up of sample-first aperture region



Gas phase composition can be measured by XPS.  
gas phase signal:  
 $1 \text{ torr}\cdot\text{mm} \sim \text{a few monolayers}$

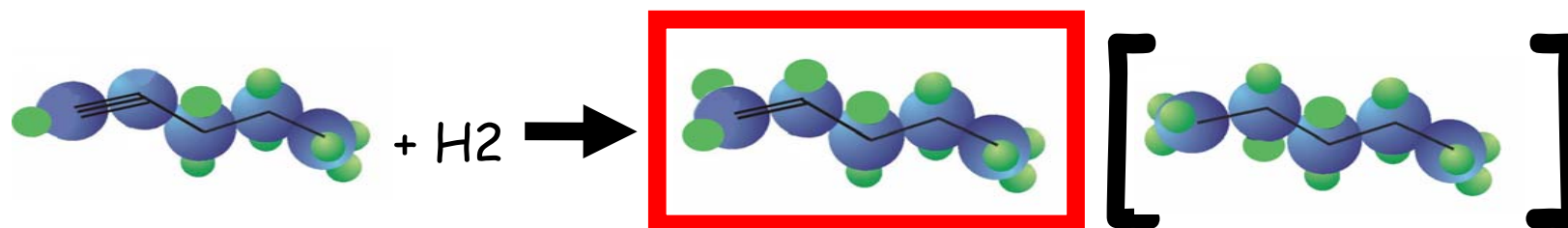
# In situ XPS system





# Introduction

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## Literature

carbon laydown  $\longrightarrow$  selective hydrogenation  
"similar" catalysts  $\longrightarrow$  different activity & selectivity  
(structure sensitivity?)

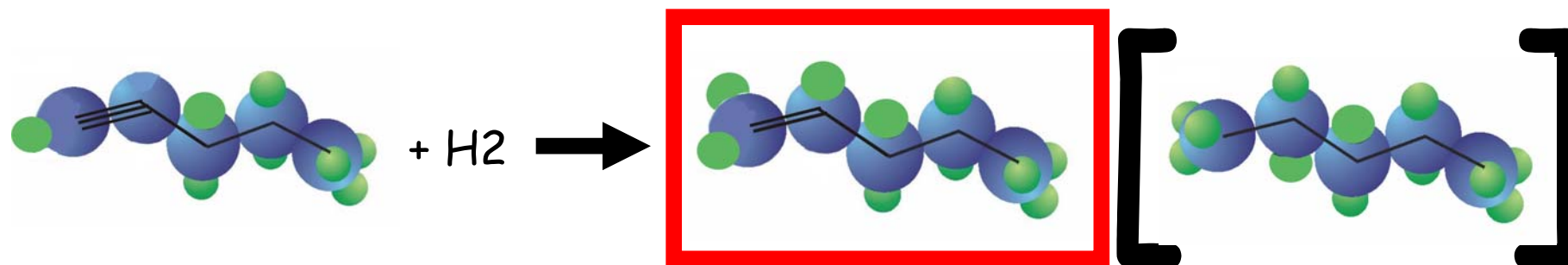
Selectivity issue: what defines selectivity?

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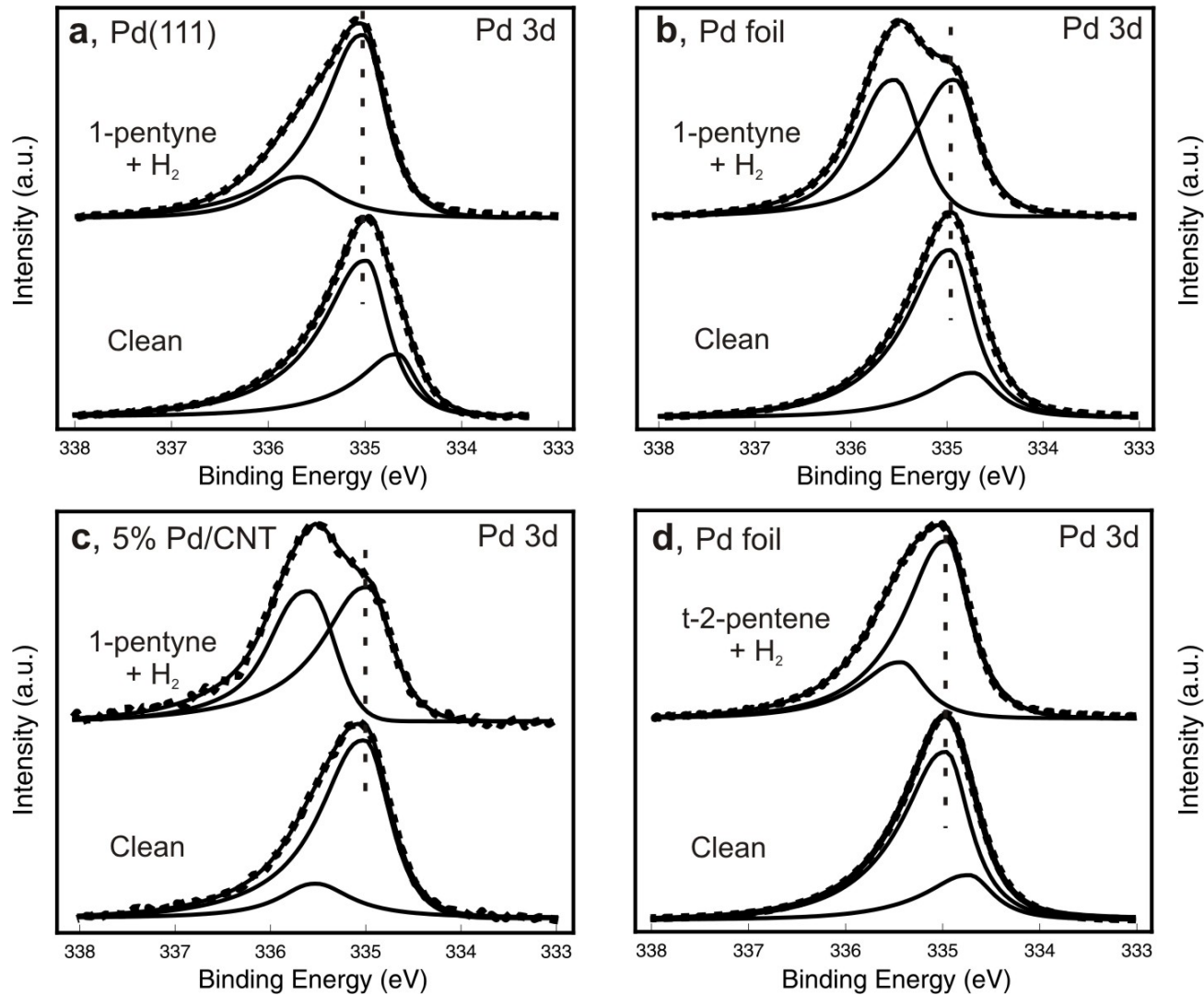
# Reaction in the mbar p region (in-situ XPS)



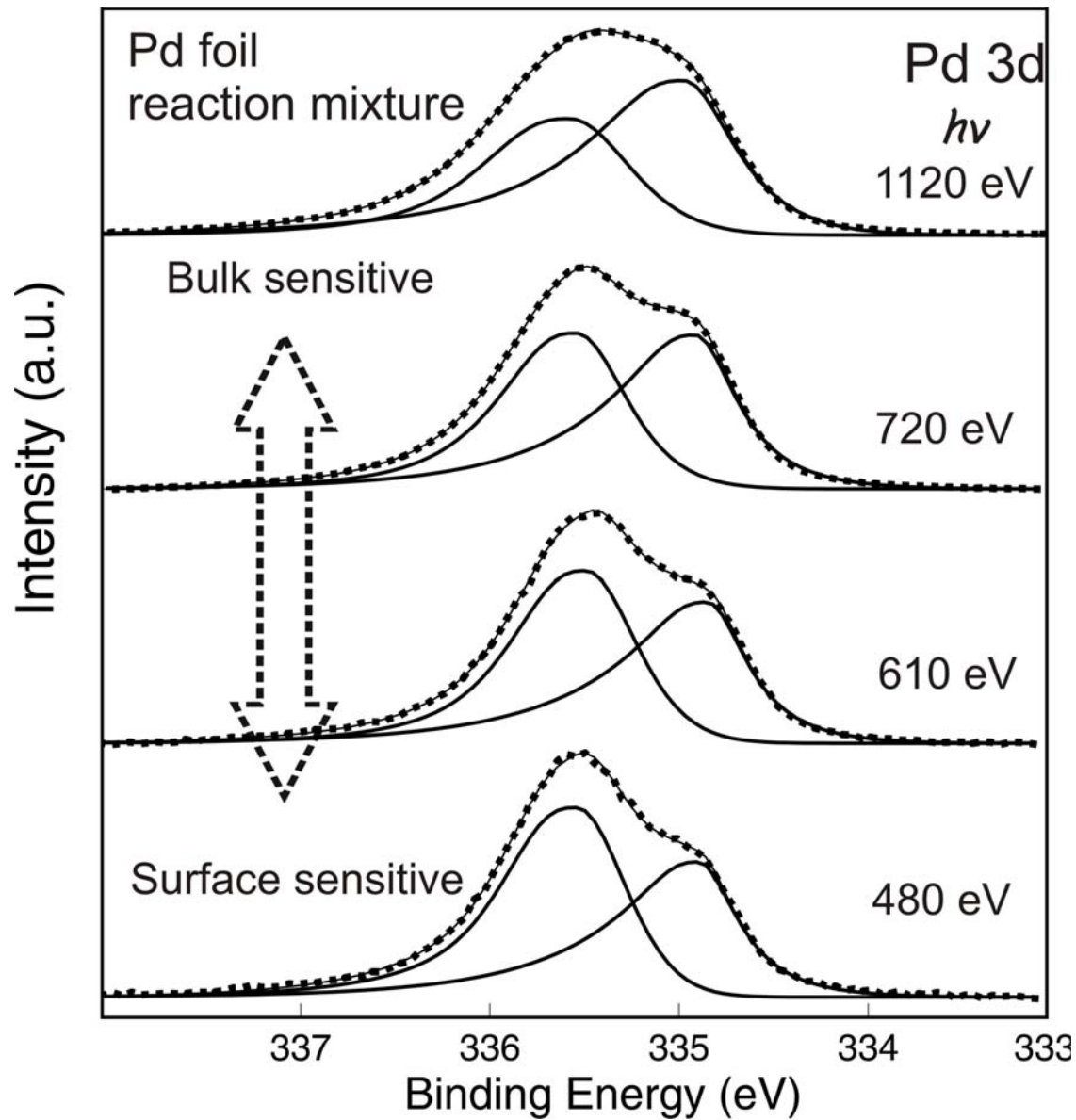
	5% Pd/CNT	3% Pd/Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Pd foil	Pd(111)
Conversion [%]	~ 10	~5	~2.5	<1
Selectivity Pentene [%]	~95	~80	~98	100
Selectivity Pentane [%]	~5	~20	~2	-

Reaction conditions: C<sub>5</sub>/H<sub>2</sub> = 1:9, 1 mbar, 358 K

# In-situ XPS: Pd 3d ( $h\nu$ : 720 eV)



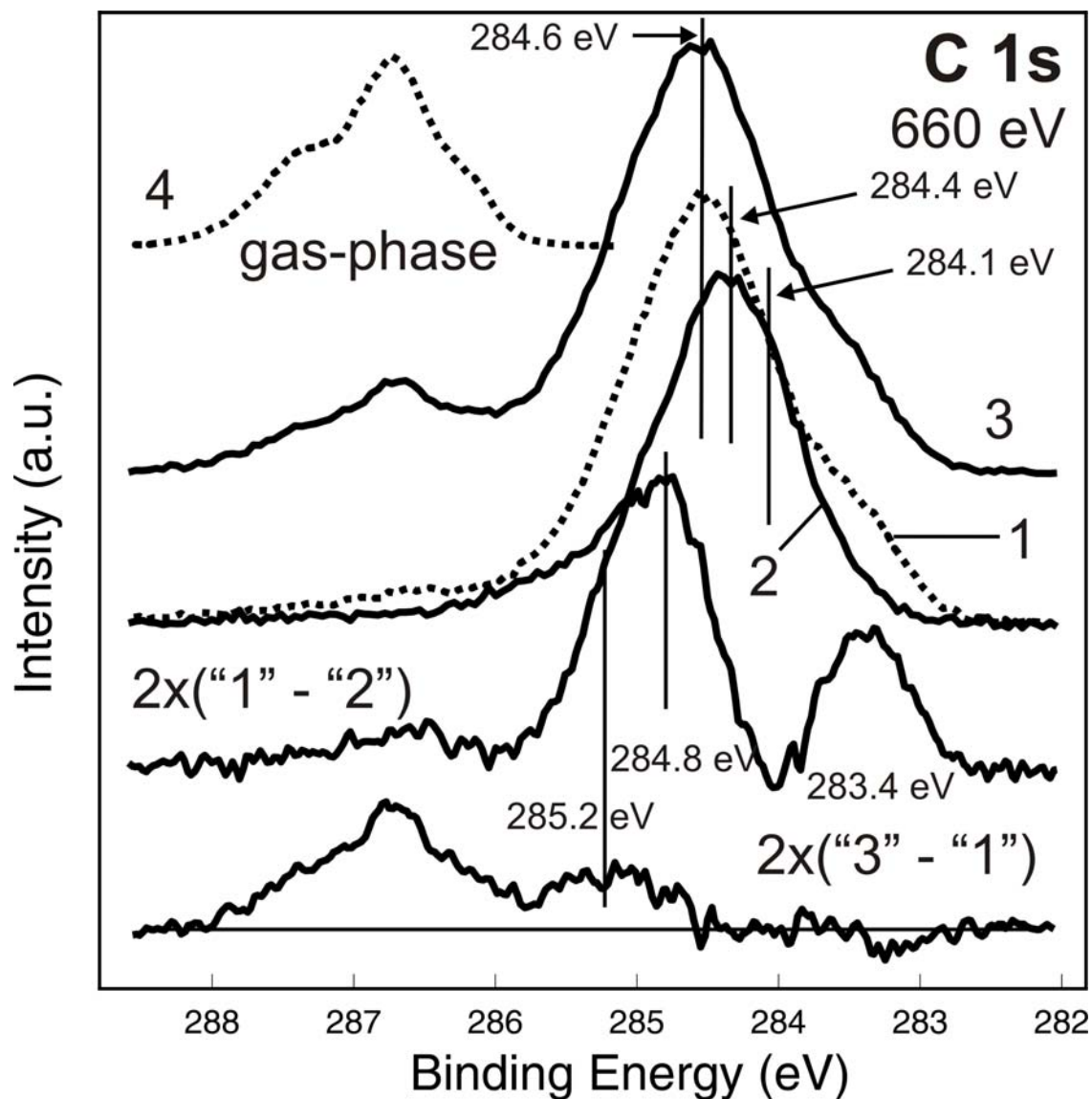
# In-situ XPS: Pd 3d depth profiling



Not only  
adsorbate-induced  
surface core level  
shift!

But on-top location!

# In-situ XPS: C1s (Switching off experiments)

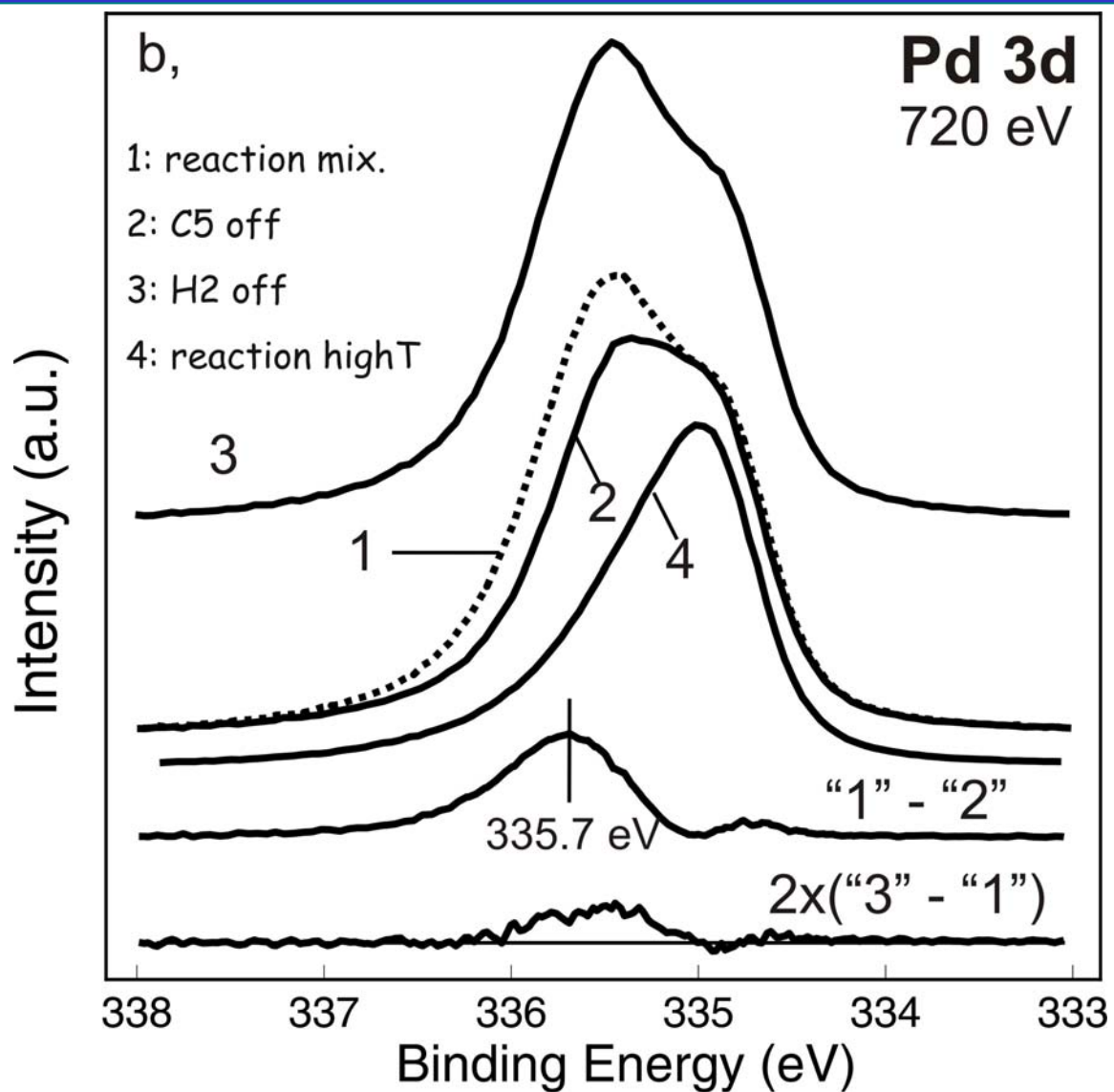


- 1: reaction mix.
- 2: C5 off
- 3: H2 off
- 4: C5 gas-phase

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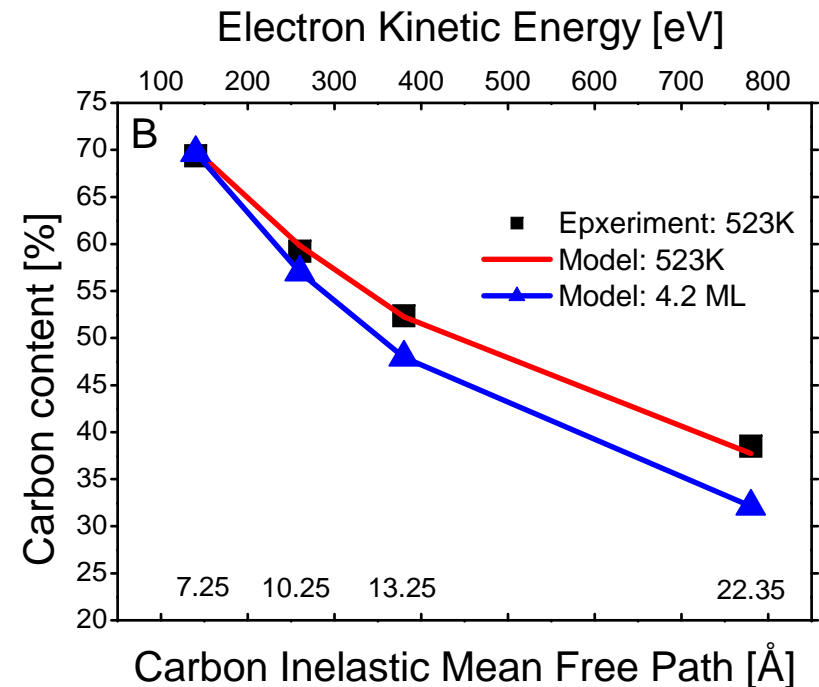
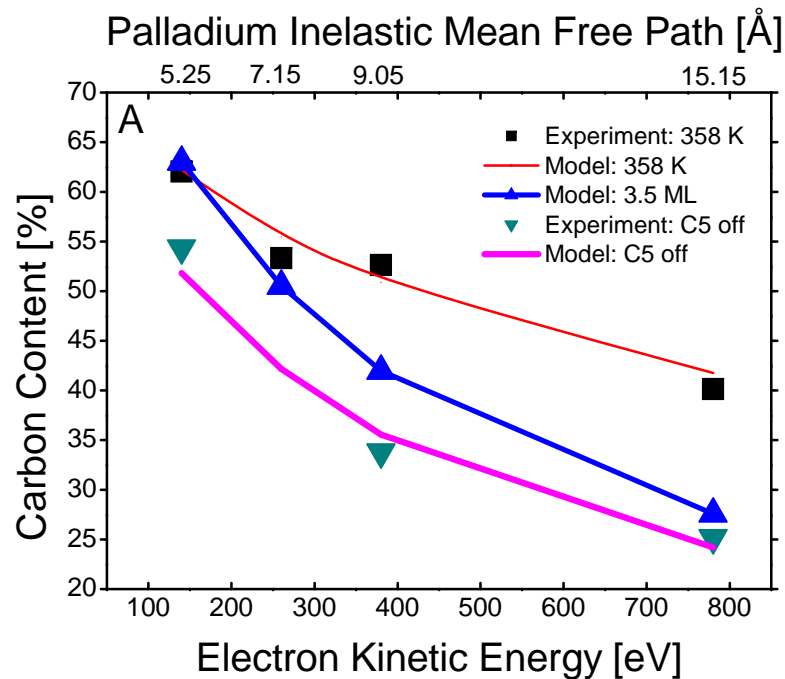
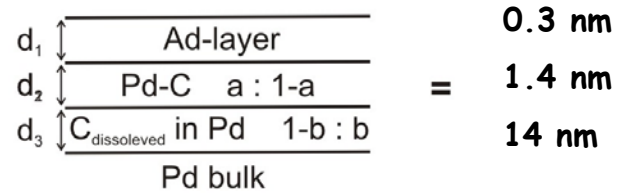
# In-situ XPS: Pd 3d (Switching off experiments)



- 1: reaction mix.
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  - 3: H2 off
  - 4: reaction; high T
- 523 K

# In-situ XPS: Pd vs. C depth profiling

## Model





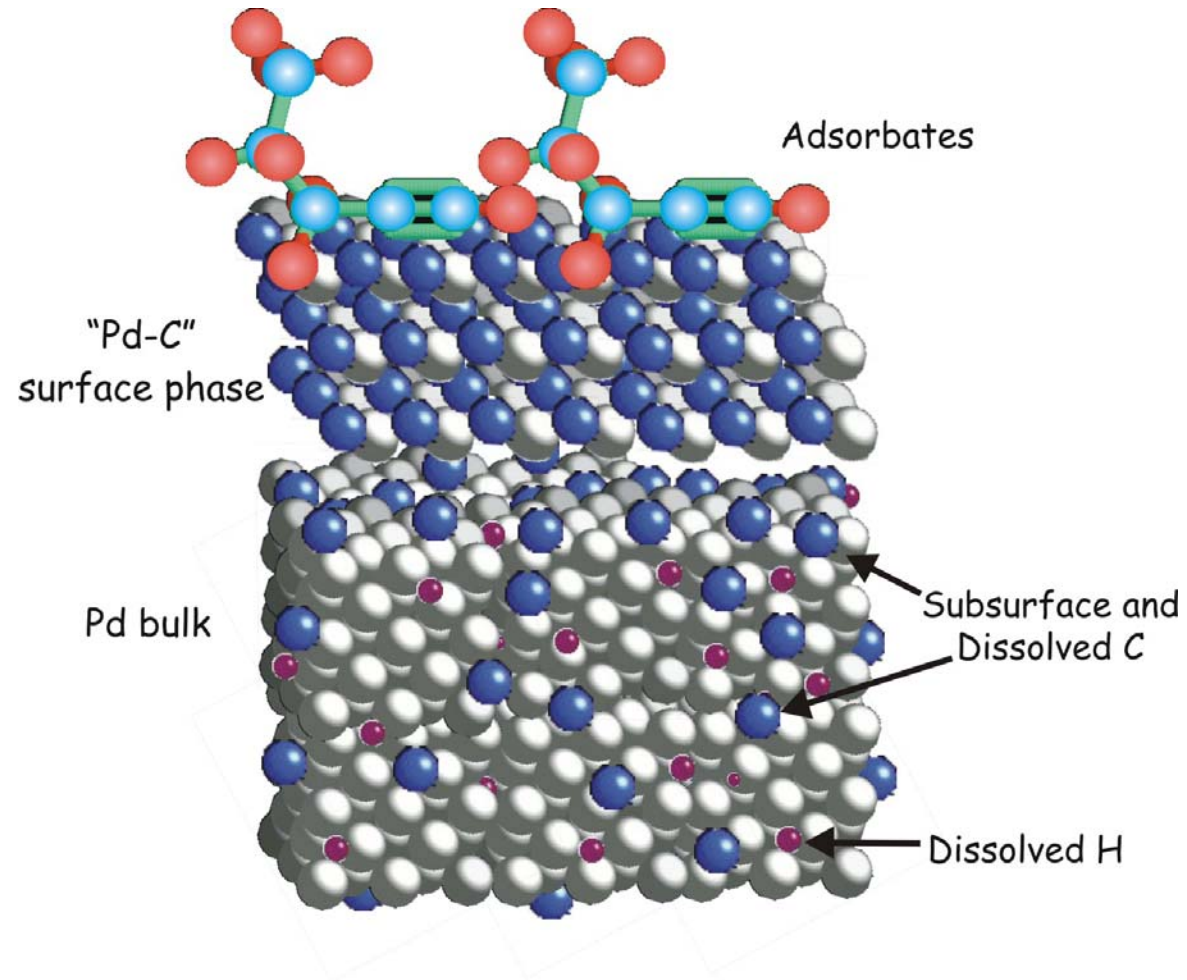
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# Model (during the reaction)

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6. Dynamic behaviour of Pd-C and subsurface C



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# Outlook: In situ XPS / XAS The future at BESSY



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## Innovative Station for In Situ Spectroscopy

A project of BESSY and the Dep. Inorganic Chemistry, Fritz-Haber-Institut

- ▶ Installation of a beamline exclusively used for in situ spectroscopy in the soft X-ray range
- ▶ Installation of infrastructure optimized for these kind of experiments on site (e.g. chemical lab, gas supply, gas analytics)
- ▶ Later, further implementation of other in situ spectroscopy techniques: multi wavelength Raman, UV-Vis, fluorescence yield ?!
- ▶ Start of user operation of the beamline: 2007

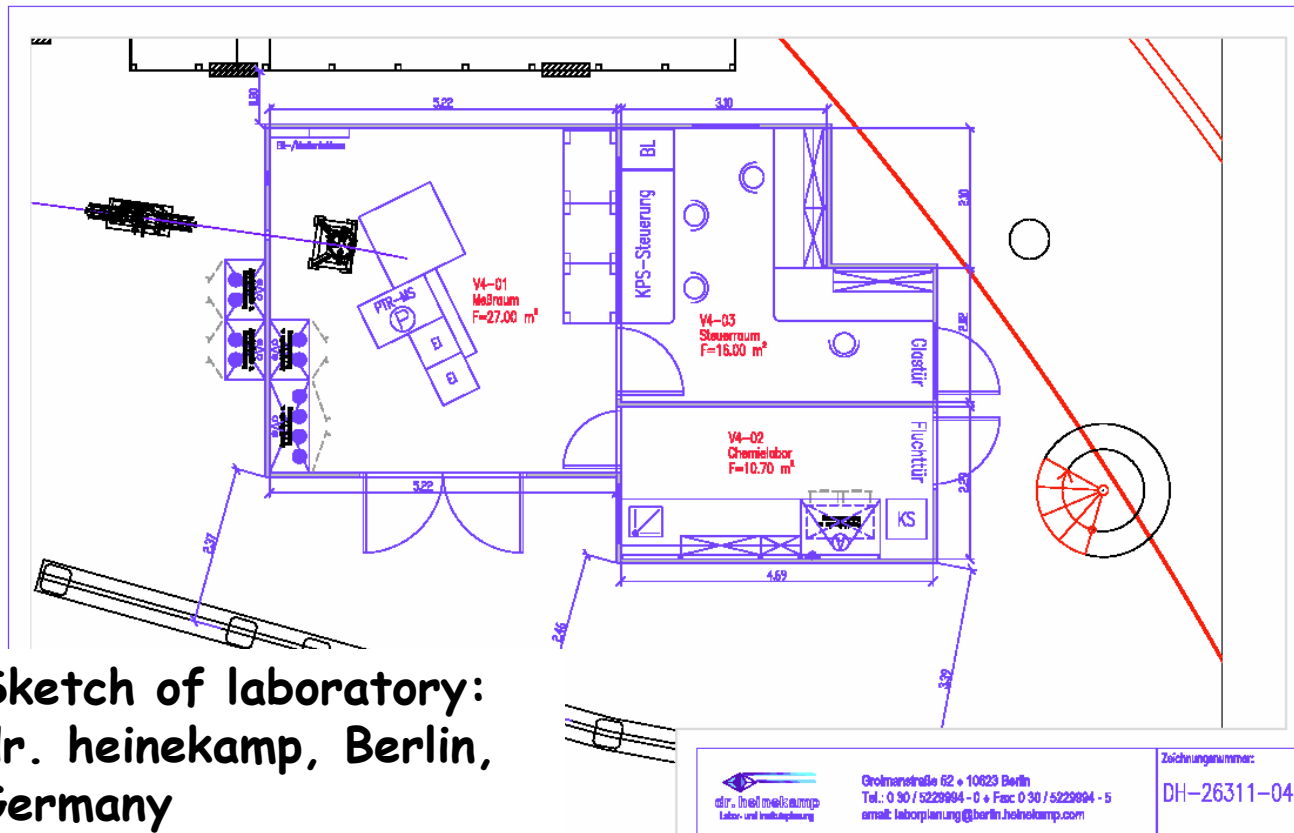


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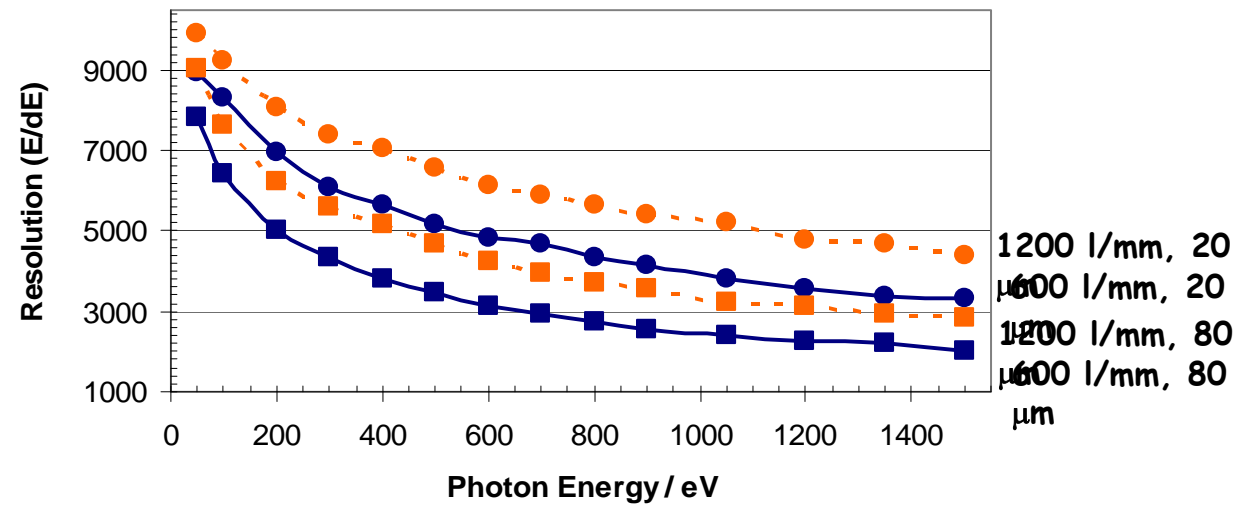
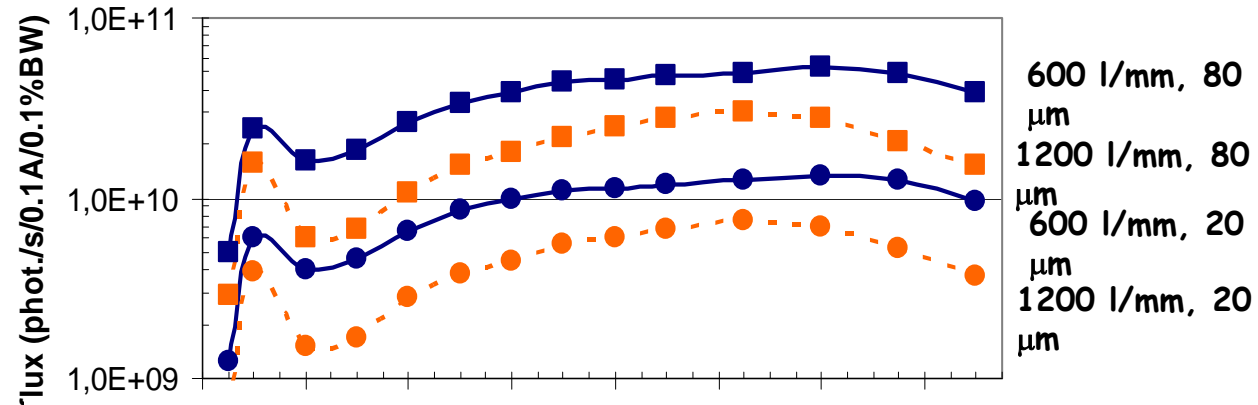


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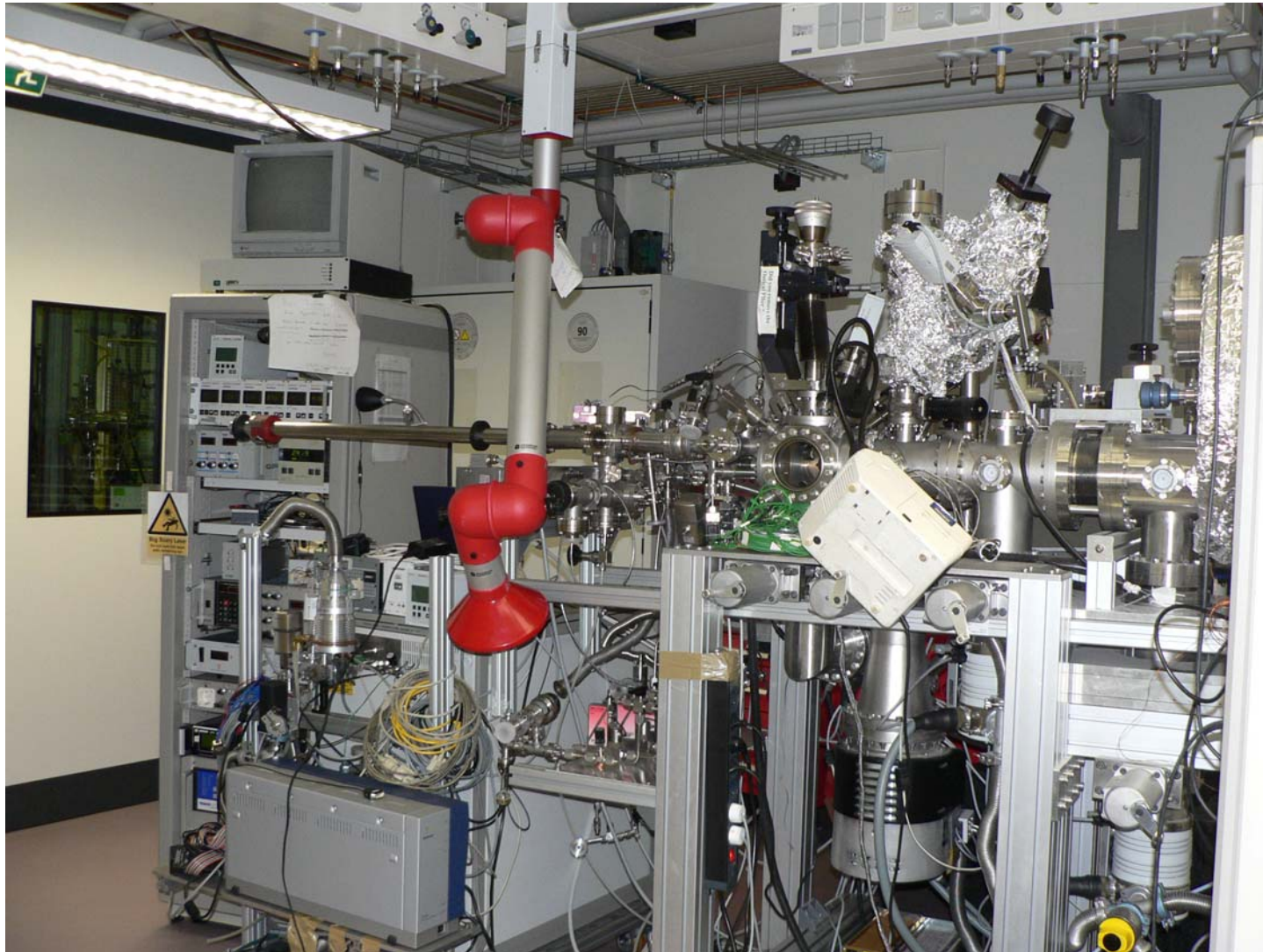
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